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*Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo.* Virg.

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THE noble Genius of *Virgil* would have been exalted still higher, had he had the Advantage of Christianity. According to our Scheme of Thoughts, if the Word *Memores* in the Front of this Paper were changed into *Similes*, it would have very much heightened the Motive of Virtue in the Reader. To do good and great Actions meerly to gain Reputation, and transmit a Name to Posterity, is a vicious Appetite, and will certainly insnare the Person who is moved by it, on some occasions into a false Delicacy for fear of Reproach; and at others into Artifices which taint his Mind, tho' they may enlarge his Fame. The Endeavour to make Men like you, rather than mindful of you, is not subject to such ill Consequences, but moves with its Reward in its own Hands; or, to speak more in the Language of the World, a Man with this Aim is as happy as a Man in an Office, that is paid out of Mony under his own Direction. There have been very worthy Examples of this Self-denying Virtue among us in this Nation, but I do not know of a nobler Example in this Taste, than that of the late Mr. *Boyle*, who founded a Lecture for the *Proof of the Christian Religion, against Atheists, and other notorious Infidels.* The Reward of perpetual Memory amongst Men, which might possibly have some Share in this Sublime Charity, was certainly considered but in a second degree; and Mr. *Boyle* had it in his Thoughts to make Men imitate him, as well as speak of him, when he was gone off our Stage.

The World has received much Good from this Institution, and the noble Emulation of great Men on the inexhaustible Subject of the Essence, Praise and Attributes of the Deity, has had the natural Effect, which always attends this kind of Contemplation, to wit, that he who writes upon it with a sincere Heart, very eminently excells whatever he has produced on any other Occasion. It eminently appears from this Observation, that a particular Blessing has been bestowed on this Lecture. This great Philosopher provided for us, after his Death, an Employment not only suitable to our Condition, but to his own at the same time. It is a Sight fit for Angels, to behold the Benefactor and the Persons obliged, not only in different Places, but under different Beings, employed in the same Work.

This worthy Man studied Nature, and traced all her Ways to those of her unsearchable Author. When he had found him, he gave this Bounty for the Praise and Contemplation of him. To one who has not ran through regular Courses of Philosophical Enquiries, (the other Learned Labourers in this Vineyard will forgive me) I cannot but principally recommend the Book, Entitled, *Physico-Theology.* Printed for *William Innys* in St. *Paul*'s Church-Yard.

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(Price Two Pence.)

It is written by Mr. *Derham*, Rector of *Upminſter* in *Eſſex*. I do not know what *Upminſter* is worth; but I am ſure, had I the beſt Living in *England* to give, I ſhould not think the Addition of it ſufficient Acknowledgment of his Merit, eſpecially ſince I am informed, that the Simplicity of his Life is agreeable to his uſeful Knowledge and Learning.

The Praiſe of this Author ſeems to me to be the great Perſpicuity and Method, which render his Work intelligible and pleaſing to People who are Strangers to ſuch Enquiries, as well as to the Learned. It is a very deſirable Entertainment to find Occaſions of Pleaſure and Satisfaction in thoſe Objects and Occurrences which we have all our Lives, perhaps, over-looked, or beheld, without exciting any Reflections that made us wiſer or happier. The plain good Man does, as with a Wand, ſhow us the Wonders and Spectacles in all Nature, and the particular Capacities with which all living Creatures are endowed for their ſeveral Ways of Life; How the Organs of Creatures are made according to their different Paths in which they are to move, and provide for themſelves and Families; whether they are to creep, to leap, to ſwim, to fly, to walk; whether they are to inhabit the Bowels of the Earth, the Coverts of the Wood, the muddy or clear Streams, to howl in Foreſts or converſe in Cities. All Life, from that of a Worm to that of a Man, is explained; and, as I may ſo ſpeak, the wondrous Works of the Creation, by the Obſervations of this Author, lie before us as Objects that create Love and Admiration, which, without ſuch Explications, ſtrike us only with Confuſion and Amaſement.

The Man who, before he had this Book, dreſſed and went out to loiter and gather up ſomething to entertain a Mind too vacant, no longer needs News to give himſelf Amuſement; the very Air he breaths ſuggeſts abundant Matter for his Thoughts. He will conſider that he has begun another Day of Life, to breath with all other Creatures in the ſame Maſs of Air, Vapours, and Clouds, which ſurround our Globe; and of all the numberleſs Animals that live by receiving momentary Life, or rather momentary and new Reprieves from Death, at their Noſtrils, he only ſtands Erect, Conſcious, and Contemplative of the Benefaction.

A Man who is not capable of Philoſophical Reflections from his own Education, will be as much pleaſed as with any other good News, which he has before heard: The Agitations of the Winds, and the falling of the Rains, are what are abſolutely neceſſary for his Welfare and Accommodation. This kind of Reader will behold the *Light* with a new Joy, and a ſort of reaſonable Rapture. He will be led from the Appendages which attend and ſurround our Globe, to the Contemplation of the Globe it ſelf, the Diſtribution of the Earth and Waters, the Variety and Quantity of all Things provided for the Uſes of our World: Then will his Contemplation, which was too diffuſed and general, be let down to Particulars, to different Soils and Moulds, to the Beds of Minerals and Stones, into Caverns and Vulcanos, and then again to the tops of Mountains, and then again to the Fields and Valleys.

When the Author has acquainted his Reader with the Place of his Abode, he informs him of his Capacity to make himſelf eaſie and happy in it, by the Gift of Senſes, by their ready Organs, by ſhowing him the Structure of thoſe Organs; the Diſpoſition of the Ear for the Receipt of Sounds, of the Noſtril for Smell, the Tongue for Taſte, the Nerves to avoid Harms by our Feeling, and the Eye by our Sight.

The whole Work is concluded (as it is the Sum of Fifteen Sermons in proof of the Exiſtence of the Deity) with Reflections which apply each diſtinct part of it to an End, for which the Author may hope to be rewarded with an Immortality much more to be deſired, than that of remaining in Eternal Honour among all the Sons of Men.

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